

(Ireland.)

A RETURN to an Address to His Royal Highness
The PRINCE REGENT;—for

A Copy of any REPRIEVE, or of any PARDON, that may have been granted, by The LORD LIEUTENANT, to *Walter Hall*, convicted of Murder at the Commission held in Dublin in February last; and also, Copies of any Report of the Trial of the said *Walter Hall*; or of any other Papers or Documents relative to the same, that may be in the possession of the Irish Government:—*Viz.*

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No. 2.—Copy of the Case of *Walter Hall*, with Extracts from the Evidence of Witnesses.
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— No. 1.—

BY The LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL and GENERAL GOVERNOR
of Ireland.

RICHMOND, &c.

WE do hereby authorize and require you to Respite the execution of the sentence of Death, given against *Walter Hall*, Prisoner in the gaol of your city, until further Order: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant.—Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin the 25th day of February 1812.

By His Grace's command,
Charles Sarton.

To
The Sheriffs of the County of the City of Dublin, }
and to all Sheriffs, Gaolers, and others concerned }
in the execution of the above order.

Respite for *Walter Hall*, until further Order.

ON the 2d of April 1812, the Sheriffs of Dublin were directed to put on board the vessels in Dublin harbour, prepared for their reception, the several convicts named in the list sent to them, amongst whom was *Walter Hall*, in order to their being conveyed to the port of Cork, there to be embarked in the Archduke Charles, Convict Transport, for New South Wales.

On the 12th of May, the Lord Lieutenant signed a Warrant, transferring to the Governor of His Majesty's colony of New South Wales, the service of the several convicts named in the list annexed to said Warrant, for the terms for which they were respectively ordered to be transported amongst whom was *Walter Hall*, ordered to be transported for life.

* On the 17th of May, the Archduke Charles sailed, and *Walter Hall* was on board.

147 Men.
54 Women.

1st Witness: Joseph Hadlign.

ON the Sunday before Christmas-day he was in Augier-street a little after 9 o'clock in the evening; he saw the prisoner first in George's-lane, dressed in Yeoman Regiments; a little after he heard some noise towards Fade-street, and there saw him with a firelock in his hand, carrying it as if in charge, and a voice saying, "you are a blind gunner," the Prisoner saying, "I'll let you know that I am not." He then saw the Prisoner leveling his gun at some person in his rear, repeating twice, that he would make a riddle of one, and discharge the contents of his gun on any person who came near him; he then went on, repeating the same words as he went, and he reached the flags in Augier-street. The deceased he saw coming up towards the Prisoner; the Prisoner asked him, where he was going, he replied, about his business; the Prisoner said, he should not go that way, and ran back four or five paces, and then into the middle of the street; the deceased was going after him, and the Prisoner desired him not to come near, and fired and killed the boy. He was then taken into custody and searched in the Watch-house, and ball cartridges were found on him; he was not very sober, nor was he drunk. In the Watch-house he said he knew well what he had done, and did not care about it; that he had often done the same in the County of Wexford against United Irishmen, and would do so again. (It is here to be observed that, from the apparent youth of Prisoner, he could not have been acting as a man in the Rebellion.)

(Cross Examined.)

There was a noise before he came up, it appeared to be from the Prisoner only; he said he was out on duty that day; there were a good many in the street, but nothing particular; he believes the people wished to disarm him for fear of mischief; no man molested him, and he might have gone away quietly; he seemed in great heat of blood. Being asked by a Juror, he said, deceased did not walk up to him in a hostile manner.

2^d Witness: George Carr.

HE was present in George's-street, saw the Prisoner with musket presented at some person, who cried out, that he was a blind gunner; he saw no mob. Prisoner went on a few paces, and turning about, he presented his musket and bid him stand back, the Witness and his companion were the nearest persons to the Prisoner, they were merely walking up Augier-street, not thinking of following the Prisoner. When they saw the musket presented, they ran up Stephen-street, and immediately after heard the report of a gun, and going to the place, saw the deceased on the ground and Prisoner within a yard of him. He went with him to the Watch-house, and there was found on search, a cartridge in his pocket and some in his pouch; Prisoner said, there was money also, and mentioned the amount, which on being reckoned was correct; he then repeated composedly what the other Witness proved, that he had killed many Rebels, and would kill many more.

(Cross Examined.)

Cannot say, but the man may have thought that they were about to approach him for some hostile purpose; he had blank cartridges as well as ball; from his appearance in the street he inferred he was drinking.

3^d Witness: George Banagan.

WAS in company with former Witness, gives the same account; he heard the shot and saw deceased; he went to the Watch-house, and gave same account of his language there; he had the appearance of intoxication when he first saw him, but he saw no attack, or any provocation.

4th Witness: Liza Jordan.

AS he was walking with his wife up George's-lane, and as he was in the act of picking up his glove, Prisoner accosted him, asking him what he was doing, he replied taking up his glove, upon which Prisoner said he would shoot him if he advanced; there was nothing like a mob.

(Cross Examined.)

Prisoner came from behind him; there was nobody following the Prisoner, nor near.

5th Witness:

5th Witness: Mary Jordan.

WAS with her husband, the last Witness, and gives the same account; Witness says, her husband told her he would take him up, and he went forward; and she, some time after, heard a shot; she saw no crowd till after the shot.

5th Witness: R. Sullivan, Watchman,

WAS in Aungier-street at the time Prisoner was crossing over, and the deceased was crossing after him, but with no apparent design to attack him; Prisoner asked the deceased, where are you going; he said, what is that to you; he replied, if you do not go back I'll shoot you, and he retired to get a level, and fired; he saw him take a cartridge out of his pocket to reload, but he was disarmed; he gives the same account of his demeanour and language in the Watch-house.

(Cross-Examined.)

Deceased was following Hall, he saw nothing in boy's hand, nor any design of attack when he was shot; he had the appearance of going off sideways from Prisoner.

Malagie Quin

Heard the cry of Watch and Murder, and gives the same account of demeanour, &c. in the Watch-house.

Anne Byrne,

Mother to the deceased; he was sixteen years of age.

DEFENCE.

Eliza Woolcher—Was in George's-lane the night in question, between eight and nine, saw a Yeoman drunk, and some boys calling him blind Gunner.

James Love—Knows the Prisoner, and ran him in George's-lane, he heard people cry "blind Gunner;" the Prisoner went on to Aungier-street; some people said they would follow him, and take his firelock from him; in about thirty paces after he stopped to look at Prisoner, and he saw a man coming up towards him, and Prisoner bid him stand back. The boy said he was going about his business; the Prisoner said, he should not come near him, and if you do I'll shoot you; the boy took no notice of this, but came closer. The Prisoner made a sort of run four or five paces, which made Witness think he was a coward; the boy followed, and went round so as to front the Prisoner, getting a head of him, the Prisoner stepped off the flags into the middle of the street; and at this time some people came from the corner of street towards Prisoner, either four or five yards, and then the boy fell, being shot. They came up as if to take his firelock from him; he saw the firelock in a firing position.

(Cross-Examined.)—There were eight or nine there; the boy fell about five minutes after the words, "Where are you going" and the reply above-mentioned.

Hercules Athin—Knew him well; never heard any thing to impeach his character as a peaceable, quiet man.

Robert Turner—Knew him some time back, and gives him some character.

B. Lust—Gives same character.

No. 3.—Copy of a Letter from Mr. Justice OSBORNE to Sir CHARLES SEXTON, Barr.

DEAR SIR,

THERE was a man of the name of Walter Hall convicted yesterday of the murder of a boy in Aungier-street, and sentenced as the law requires, to be executed to-morrow: There was something in the investigation (though it made no part of his defence) that pressed on my mind the idea of at least temporary insanity in the man. There was no assignable motive for his act; and the man had the character of an inoffensive and peaceable

peaceable person in every other transaction. He was not in a state of such intoxication as to leave him ignorant of what he was doing; and after being taken into custody, his conduct had all the character of madness, composedly glorying in the deed, and vaunting of hundreds of Rebels he had destroyed and would destroy. There was no attempt at evidence to support, and therefore nothing to warrant me in putting on issue of Insanity to the Jury; it was only a feeling of my own mind, and the Jury found him guilty of a Murder (independent of that consideration) of the deepest character. The notion that during the trial was working in my mind, I find in a good measure confirmed by some information received since by Baron McClelland, who sat with me at the trial; he has been informed, and from a source that he can rely on, that this unfortunate man is afflicted in a most extraordinary way by even the least excess in drinking, arising from wounds received in his head about two years ago, and his violence always assumes the same character of extravagant loyalty, as it is called, and extravagant notions of Rebellion and Rebels. There can be no doubt from what I have stated, but that he is a very dangerous man; but if his violence arises, as I think, from the misfortune I have alluded to, it appears to me that he is not a subject for the punishment that awaits him. I therefore submit to his Grace's consideration the propriety of sending a Respite at least, this day, as he is ordered for execution to-morrow.

I am, &c.

CHARLES OSBORNE.

Will you be kind enough to acknowledge the receipt of this, as I dread the negligence of servants.

Sir Charles Saxton, B^t.

&c. &c. &c.

No. 4.—Copy of a Letter from Baron McCLELLAND to Sir CHARLES SAXTON, dated Commission Court, 18 Feb. 1812.

DEAR SIR,

JUDGE OSBORNE has been prevented from coming to Court to day in consequence of the death of his sister; he has just sent me the inclosed letter, with a request that I would forward it to you, and that as he is leaving town for a few days, that you would be so kind as to communicate with me, if necessary, on the subject. The information given to me this morning, (to which Judge Osborne alludes to in the inclosed letter) and in which I conceive I can perfectly rely, satisfies me that the unfortunate Convict, Walter Hall, was, at the time the offence was committed, labouring under a temporary fit of insanity. I perfectly concur therefore with Judge Osborne in thinking that the Convict, Walter Hall, is a proper object of mercy. If his Grace the Lord Lieutenant shall be pleased to extend mercy to this unfortunate man, I would beg leave to suggest that a pardon should be granted on the terms of transportation for life, or of the Convict being sent abroad, as a soldier, on foreign service. I believe Judge Osborne waits in town until he receives an acknowledgment from you of the receipt of his letter.

I have the honour, &c.

(Signed) — JA^s McCLELLAND.

Sir Charles Saxton, B^t.

&c. &c. &c.

No. 5.—Copy of a letter from Baron McCLELLAND to Sir CHARLES SAXTON, dated Commission Court, 19 Feb. 1812.

MY DEAR SIR,

THE two inclosed affidavits have been this moment laid before me in Court; and in the absence of Judge Osborne, I conceive it to be my duty to transmit them to you, for the information of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, on the question now under his consideration with respect to the Convict, Walter Hall. One of the Deponents in the inclosed affidavits, Charles Marchant, I happen to know; I have always considered him to be a very decent respectable man, and therefore I feel much inclined to give every credit to his affidavit. And indeed the circumstances disclosed on the trial,

trial, strongly corroborate the truth of these affidavits; for the facts proved on the trial were only to be credited on one of these two suppositions, either that the Prisoner was insane at the time the fact was committed, or that he was of the most wicked and diabolical character and disposition; the latter supposition was negatived by the testimony of most respectable gentlemen, on the trial, who gave him a most excellent character for being a peaceable, quiet and inoffensive man.

I am &c.
(Signed) JAS. McCLELLAND.

Sir Charles Saxton, Bt.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 6.—Affidavit of John Thompson 19 Feb. 1812.

The King against Walter Hall.

JOHN THOMPSON, of the City of Dublin, house-smith, maketh oath and saith, that the Prisoner in this case served three years of his apprenticeship to this Deponent; and Deponent saith he has known the Prisoner from his infancy, and saith he was always a peaceable, well-conducted man; and saith he is now about the age of twenty-three years. Deponent saith, that about four years ago the Prisoner received a large wound on his head, from the blow of a pewter quart in a public-house in Exchequer-street in the City of Dublin, and which wound he so received in consequence of his having drunk some loyal toasts in said public-house. Deponent saith, that since the Prisoner received said wound, a small quantity of spirits makes him drunk, and when in that state he is quite outrageous and insane, and utterly incapable of conducting himself like a rational being; and Deponent saith, that when the Prisoner is in the slightest degree intoxicated, he is quite unable to distinguish his friends from his adversaries, and at such times the least irritation or provocation makes him almost frantic.

Sworn before me, this 19th day of Feb^r 1812.

John Thompson.

(Signed) JAS. McCLELLAND.

No. 7.—Affidavit of Charles Marchant, 19th February 1812.

The King against Walter Hall.

CHARLES MARCHANT, of Exchequer-street in the City of Dublin, whitesmith maketh oath and saith, that the Prisoner in this case was for in or about five years last past in the employment of this Deponent, during all which time he behaved himself honestly, quietly and properly. Deponent saith, about three years ago the Prisoner received a dreadful beating in a public-house in Exchequer-street Dublin, and some very severe wounds on the head, from which time whenever he drank spirits he became almost insane; inasmuch that at a time when he was at all intoxicated he scarcely knew friends from enemies, and acted in the most extraordinary manner, many instances of which came under the observation of Deponent; saith, that in consequence of the Prisoner himself being sensible of such weakness on his part when he was intoxicated, he about two years since took an oath that he would not drink spirits for a certain time, and which oath, Deponent saith he verily believes, the Prisoner most religiously observed; and Deponent saith, the time to which he was so limited expired in or about the month of June last, as Deponent believes; and saith, he, as deponent believes, was never drunk since that period until the night of the transaction which gave rise to the charge in this case. Deponent saith, he is convinced in his conscience, that at the time the homicide in this case took place, the prisoner was insane from drinking, and irritated in such a manner as, Deponent has heard and believes, to be utterly incapable of exercising his reason; and Deponent saith, that whenever the Prisoner was at all intoxicated (since he received said wounds) he would be incapable of even distinguishing friends from enemies.

Sworn before me, this 19th day of Feb^r 1812.

Chs. Marchant

(Signed) JAS. McCLELLAND.

No. 8.—Copy of Petition of *Jane Hall*, the Convict's Wife, to the LORD LIEUTENANT,
18 February 1812. (*with recommendations.*)

To His Grace CHARLES LENOX Duke of RICHMOND, Lord Lieutenant and
General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Petition of *Jane Hall*, the wife of *Walter Hall*, Locksmith, now
under sentence of death for shooting—Byrne on the 22^d day of December
last, whereby he died,

Sheweth,

THAT after a very long trial, and the Jury having been a considerable time considering the Evidence, they brought in a Verdict against Petitioner's husband, whereby they found him guilty of Murder.

That Justice Osborne, who tried Petitioner's husband, immediately pronounced sentence of death on him, and ordered him for execution to-morrow.

That it appeared upon the trial, by the testimony of several credible witnesses, that Petitioner's husband had, on the day the homicide was committed, been out on duty as a yeoman; and that, after the fatigue of the day, having drunk, and being intoxicated, he, on returning to his lodgings, was attacked by several persons, who abused him and followed him a considerable way up George's-street into Augier-street, where the unfortunate deceased man pressing on Petitioner's husband, he, to prevent his arms being taken from him, discharged his piece.

That Petitioner's husband immediately surrendered himself; that he has always borne a most excellent character, not only for a peaceable disposition, but for loyalty in the service of his king, as a Yeoman; wherefore Petitioner humbly hopes your Grace will respite her husband until a future day, that your Grace may be able to inquire into the circumstances of the case.

And to grant him, if it appears just to your Grace, the clemency of His
Sacred Majesty.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

I do hereby certify, that I have known the father and family of *Walter Hall*, now under sentence of death, for many years; they lived in my neighbourhood in the County of Wexford, where they always maintained an irreproachable and peaceable good character; and from every information which I have had respecting the unfortunate man himself, he has always been considered a very quiet, peaceable and inoffensive man.

(Signed) W. TURNER.

Feb. 18th 1812.

58, Stephens Green.

I have also lived in the neighbourhood of the family of the said *Walter Hall*, and I have every reason for believing the foregoing statements to be strictly true.

(Signed) GRAVE C. SWAN,
6, Leinster-street.

I do hereby certify, that I have known for many years the family of said *Hall*; and the statement on the other side, respecting their conduct, is strictly true; and the unfortunate man himself was a member of the corps of which I now command, and always appeared to me to be a peaceable, quiet and inoffensive man.

(Signed) ROBT. BEALE,
Capt^y Enniscorthy Infantry.

No. 9.—Copy of Recommendation of several Inhabitants of Enniscorthy,
on behalf of *Walter Hall*; 26 December 1811.

WE the undersigned Gentlemen of Enniscorthy, in the County of Wexford, and the vicinity thereof, do hereby certify, that we have known *Walter Hall* (now a Prisoner in New Gaol) for many years during his residence in Enniscorthy; that he always supported the character of a quiet and peaceable young man; and that we never heard any thing whatever that could impeach such character, except in the present

present instance, for which he is confined. Given under our hands this 26th day of December 1811.

I believe the above to be strictly true.

Rich^d Radcliff,
Rector of Enniscorthy,
Dec. 28, 1811.

Rob^t Beale, Capt^e Enniscorthy Infantry.

W^m Richards.

Anth^y Hawkins.

Hu^s Atkin.

John Pounder.

Stephen Lett, 1st Lieut. Enniscorthy Infantry.

Tho^s Greene.

Rob^t Burdett.

Tho^s Sparrow.

Thomas Rudd, sen^r, Lieut. Enniscorthy Infantry.

I know the within named Walter Hall since his childhood, and believe the within statement to be strictly true.

J. SMITHLOCK, 1st Lieut. Loyal
Vinegar Hill Rangers.

No. 10.—Copy of Recommendation of several Inhabitants of Enniscorthy, on behalf of *Walter Hall*; 22 Feb. 1812.

WE the undersigned Inhabitants of the town and vicinity of Enniscorthy, do hereby certify that we have known Walter Hall, who resided in Enniscorthy from his infancy until lately, the son of an honest and respectable family; and during our knowledge of him, he conducted himself highly respectable in his situation; and from the time he was capable of bearing arms, and during his residence as a Yeoman, he was zealous in his duty, loyal in his conduct, and upright in his character; and no charge was ever brought against him in any situation until the present, nor did we think him capable of committing any offence contrary to the general opinion we entertained of him; and we beg leave to recommend him as a fit object of your Grace's clemency, from our knowledge of him; and feeling that nothing but insult and self-defence could have caused him to be guilty of the charge he stands convicted of.

Given under our hands, this 22d day of February 1812.

I believe the above to be strictly true.

Rich^d Radcliff,
Rector of Enniscorthy.

George Ogle.

William Hinson, (late Curate of Enniscorthy.

A Jacob.

I believe the above to be strictly true.

H. F. Vaughan, Curate of Enniscorthy.

A. Murphy.

John Pounder.

Rob^t Beale, Capt^e Enniscorthy Infantry.

Samuel Atkin.

Hu^s Atkin.

Luke Whitney.

Ja^s Sherlock.

Rob^t Burdett.

A Hawkins.

Rob^t Lee, 1st Lieut. Mount

George Infantry.

James Githings.

Tho^s Greene.

Stephen Lett, 1st Lieut. En^r Infantry.

Thomas Rudd, Lieut. En^r Infantry.

Thomas Rudd, Lieut. En^r Cavalry.

John Rudd.

Henry Minchin.

Ab^m Goff.

John Weekes.

No. 11.—Copy of Recommendation in favour of *Walter Hall*, from the Rev. T. Handcock; 5 January 1812.

BY the earnest desire of the friends of *Walter Hall*, now a prisoner in the New Goal, Dublin, I am induced to certify, that I knew him when resident at Enniscorthy for some years, and always had cause to believe him a humane well-disposed young man.—Given under my hand, at the Glebe House of Kilmacocha, this 5th January 1812.

THOMAS HANDCOCK,
Minister of Kilmacocha and White March,
County of Wexford, and a Magistrate
of the said county.

No. 12.—Copy of further Petition of *Jane Hall*, Wife of *Walter Hall*.

To His Excellency Charles, Duke of Richmond, Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Petition of *Jane Hall*, wife of *Walter Hall*, now a prisoner under sentence of death.

Sheweth,

THAT in addition to the former petitions sent in on behalf of Petitioner's husband's life, she humbly begs to lay before your Grace an additional affidavit; and also, to state that Mr. Charles Lagrange, in said affidavit mentioned, is ready to depose to the fact stated.

Petitioner also begs leave to state that she has three infant children, and that her former husband, John Hope, was cruelly murdered by the Rebels in 1798, on account of his loyalty; and Petitioner begs to refer your Grace to the Honourable Baron McClelland, one of the Judges who tried Petitioner's husband, for his report; and also for his opinion of the state of insanity in which her husband's mind was at the time of the homicide; and also to the affidavit of that fact, already laid before the Baron, of his state of mind.

Petitioner therefore humbly implores your Grace's humanity to change the punishment to transportation; and she begs further to state, that in addition to the affidavit already made, she can produce several other affidavits of persons of respectability to the fact of Petitioner's said husband being insane at times, and particularly when he drank spirits, and which insanity arose from a wound he received in his head a few years since, as stated in said affidavits.

And she will ever pray.

(Signed) JANE HALL.

No. 13.—Affidavit of *William Hall*; 20th February 1812.

The King v. *Walter Hall*.

WILLIAM HALL, gentleman, agent for the Prisoner in this case, maketh oath and saith, that since the trial in this cause, he was informed by Mr. Charles Lagrange, one of the petit Jury who tried the Prisoner, that nine of the said Jury were of opinion that the Prisoner should be recommended to mercy, and which he would have mentioned in open Court; but that he was informed, that it was improper so to do, unless all the Jury joined therein. Deponent saith, he verily believes the information so given him by said Lagrange to be true; and Deponent saith, he would have procured said Lagrange to make an affidavit to that effect, only that he thought it would be indecate of him so to do.

Sworn before me this 20th day of February 1812.

William Hall.

(Signed) W. TURNER.

No. 14.—Copy of Letter from John de Courcy, Esq. to William M'Kay, Esq.
relative to Walter Hall, 21st February 1812.

DEAR SIR,

Dame Street, 21st February 1812.

HAVING dined in York-street, the day on which the unfortunate circumstance of Hall's shooting a man in Aungier-street, and making Mercer-street my way home, my attention was attracted by some crying, and a large crowd at the Hospital door. On enquiry for the cause, I was informed that a man had been shot by a Yeoman, and that the person so shot then lay dead in the Hospital. On going in I found the representation but too true; and being anxious to ascertain the cause, I was then, and frequently afterwards informed, that this unfortunate Yeoman was on his return home, somewhat inebriated, when he was assailed with much tantalizing insult, indignity and ridicule, and that to prevent the intention manifested by this mob, of tripping up his heels, he went into the street; but finding them press upon him on both sides and behind, and labouring under the feelings (I presume) of an insulted soldier, he was prompted to commit the fatal deed.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOHN DE COURCY.

William M'Kay, Esq.

No. 15.—Copy of the Affidavit of William Jackson, 25th February 1812.

Police District of Dublin Metropolis, *to wit*;

WILLIAM JACKSON, of the Merchant Taylors Hall, in Back Lane, came this day before me a Magistrate of the Division No. 1, in said district, and maketh oath on the Holy Evangelists, and saith, that on the Sunday night on which one Patrick Byrne was shot in Aungier-street, by one Walter Hall, a Yeoman, Deponent was passing through South Great George's-street just before the said murder happened. Deponent saw a man in Yeoman's uniform, (whom Deponent believes to be the same man called Walter Hall) saith, the said man appeared to be intoxicated with liquor; and saith, he (the Deponent) at the same time saw two or three boys at the door of a public-house in Great George's-street aforesaid, who were in the act of irritating the said Yeoman, by using different expressions, such as calling him "a blind gunner," and other words which Deponent did not distinctly hear, but which he could perceive were irritating and provoking the said Yeoman; and Deponent thereupon shook his stick at said boys, desiring them to desist, and not to tease the man, or words to that effect; and told them, that as the man was drunk, and having his firelock, that some mischief might ensue, and some innocent person might suffer, or words to that effect; and Deponent saith, that said Yeoman proceeded on towards Aungier-street, keeping the middle of the street, and evidently intoxicated, and, as Deponent believes, much irritated by said boys; and that in a few minutes after he heard a shot fired, which he believes was the shot by which said Patrick Byrne was killed.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of February 1812.

William Jackson.

(Signed) HENRY B. SIBB.

No. 16.—Copy of Letter from ROBERT HARTY to SIR CHARLES SARTON, Bart.

SIR,

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1812.

IN compliance with the wish you expressed yesterday, that, for the information of his Grace the Duke of Richmond, I should communicate in writing the circumstances which occurred on announcing to Hall (then under sentence of death) the general reprieve which his Grace had been pleased to grant him; I beg leave to state, that notwithstanding all the noise created by opening locks and removing bolts, in order to gain access to his cell, we found him seated on a stool, with a bible resting on both hands, and upon which his whole attention seemed so firmly fixed, that neither at the moment of our entrance nor during the subsequent conversation (tho' so highly interesting to himself) were his eyes once diverted from it. On asking him, was he prepared to meet his fate to-morrow, he answered, "God had prepared him;" on enquiry what

had tempted him to commit such a deed, he answered, "his own wicked life." I asked him, would he lead a better life if any thing could be done to save him, his reply was, "nobody could do any thing for him but God." Perceiving that this conversation made no impression whatever on his mind, I ordered his bolts to be removed, on which, without any alteration of countenance or position, he exclaimed, "O these were blessed bolts to him, but for those bolts he would be burning in hell fire," and continued in that strain of observation while they were removing. Finding him still apparently insensible to the obvious intimation that had been given him, I then plainly informed him, that the sentence of the Law would not be executed on him, and that of course he would not be hanged; to this communication he made no reply, but continued in the same position as that we found him in; nor was there the slightest alteration produced in his countenance, voice or manner, from the moment of our entrance to that of our departure.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT HARTY.

(Correct Copies.)

W. FLINT.
